

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-43 are pending in the application. Claim 40 has been amended to fix a simple typographical error. Claims 24-29 are cancelled. Claims 1-23 and 30-43 were allowed. Claims 26, 28, and 29 were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 44-46 are added. The new claims correspond to Claims 26, 28, and 29, now rewritten in independent form. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

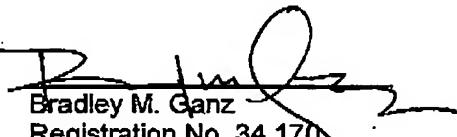
Applicant submits that in view of the foregoing remarks and/or amendments, the application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including extension fees, or to charge any additional fees or underpayments, or to credit any overpayments, to the Credit Card account referenced on the accompanying Credit Card Payment form (PTO-2038). As an alternative, in case the Credit Card cannot be processed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, additional fees, or underpayments, or to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1001.

Respectfully submitted,

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